

TERRORIST THREAT INTEGRATION CENTER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Terrorist Threat Integration Center. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

GROWTH AND JOBS PLAN

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, and the economic outlook for the United States and the Administration's policy agenda, after receiving testimony from R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman, and Randall S. Kroszner, Member, both of the Council of Economic Advisers; and Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, Eric M. Engen, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Daniel J. Mitchell, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D140)

S. 141, to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans. Signed on February 25, 2003. (Public Law 108-8)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Linton F. Brooks, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, to be followed by hearings to consider the nominations of Richard F. Healing, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, and Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine U.S. involvement in aerospace research, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy production on federal lands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 32, to establish Institutes to conduct research on the prevention of, and restoration from, wildfires in forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West, S. 203, to open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining, S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and S. 246, to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Highway Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 health care priorities, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine American public diplomacy with respect to Islam, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Deborah L. Cook, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Ralph R. Erickson, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, William D. Quarles, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Gregory L. Frost, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, J. Daniel Breen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Thomas A. Varlan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, William H. Steele, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Jeremy H. G. Ibrahim, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Edward F. Reilly, of Kansas and Cranston J. Mitchell, of Missouri, both to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Joseph Elliott, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio, S. 253, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, and S. 113, to exclude United States persons

from the definition of “foreign power” under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the impact of global aging on the US economy, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 10 a.m., and on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Assessing the Need to Enact Medical Liability Reform,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled “The New Basel Accord-Sound Regulation or Crushing Complexity?” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on “Recovery Now: The President’s Drug Treatment Initiative,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on “New York’s Sanctuary Policy and the Effect of Such Policies on Public Safety, Law Enforcement, and Immigration,” 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on NASA’s Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 877, Patients Safety Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 878, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.